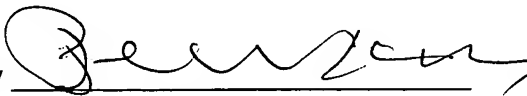


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to improve dependency.  
Favorable action is requested.

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